

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. Where LECs have very limited, if any, viable competition, cable companies usually have exclusivity; there is no cable access in more rural neighborhoods like the one I live in. Requiring cable companies to lease access to their physical plant enhances competition and should, therefore, be required. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.